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To Whom it may concern

I'm quitting the ICPOC, again.

-The first time it was because my dad died so I never really got to see what the commission was like.
-Now that I have, I feel like I would be working against my core values if I didn't quit immediately and do my work in another space.

Here are my comments on police vision 2025. I hope they'll add some context. I'm too afraid to share them in-person as I had planned to:

After seeing the "new direction" of the AAPD find myself deeply concerned as it parallels my experience with policing in Pine Lake/South Map in the 90s, during the drug war. I felt i had to prepare something.....

-I'll start with a quote.

I was born a certain time.

In a certain skin.

In a certain place.

...and you pay for it

...everybody pays for...that.

-James Baldwin (1970) [Meeting the Man]

I've lived in Ann Arbor my whole life

I was born at the U of M, and I died at Frank's.

I grew up in a public housing complex called Pine Lake Village cooperative, a majority Black community on the west edge of Ann Arbor. A distinct feature of this neighborhood was a highly visible police presence. It was a common sight to see AAPD officers drive, park, or walk around the neighborhood, Occasionally giving out police-badge stickers.

At this point everything was normal. It had to be. Pine lake was the world, and apparently the world wasn't very safe. I didn't understand why the police were always around, but I assumed it was good. It wasn't until much later that I realized a constant police presence, especially an unsolicited presence in a residential area, was not common in the Whiter areas of the city.””

Since then I've done some exploring, I've been in the back of AAPD cars, in AAPD hand cuffs and, at the end of AAPD guns. Sometimes through my own actions, more often I was just swept up with everyone else. I've gotten to know the AAPD.

At the same time I've watched my Pine Lake and South Maple peers get to know the AAPD.

I watched as some of us became teens around 13 or so, while some stopped being seen as kids or teens. Instead, they were only allowed to be "the description" **Black-Male mid-20's between four-five and six-seven wearing shirt.**

Cuz Ann Arbor has no idea what to do with non-whites who don't engage in performative assimilation. And has very few spots for those who do.

How did we go from discussing unarmed-non-police-response, to turning Ann Arbor into a "Deep North" Police-State?

Yours truly,
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